

Rosedene Darlington Arena Childrens Nursery

Darlington Arena, Neasham Road, Hurworth Moor, DARLINGTON, County Durham,
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Inspection date	4 May 2017
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The management team and staff analyse data of children's achievements carefully. They make good use of information about children's progress to help make changes to the curriculum. This helps them to ensure that all children make good progress.
- The management team supports the professional development of staff well. For example, they observe staff and hold individual meetings. Regular training needs are identified and courses attended. This helps to improve practice and teaching skills.
- Good settling-in arrangements help ensure children are ready for the move from home to nursery. Children are confident and eager to explore their surroundings and participate in activities.
- Partnerships with parents are good. They speak very positively about the care and education their children receive and the guidance they get to support their child's learning further at home.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff have yet to fully develop the range of opportunities for children to explore and investigate, particularly those children who prefer to be outside.
- On occasions, some staff do not fully communicate how they are managing children's behaviour to provide consistency in behaviour management strategies.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- continue to improve the range of opportunities, particularly for those children who prefer to be outdoors
- review and develop further the communication between staff to provide greater consistency in managing children's behaviour.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector had a tour of the premises and spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childcare and education manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery manager and senior management and looked at relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lynne Pope

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff are well trained in safeguarding and understand how to keep children safe and protect them from harm. Recruitment and induction procedures are rigorous to help ensure the suitability of staff. Effective risk assessments support staff well to help provide a safe environment. The manager ensures that staff-to-child ratios are maintained at all times and staff are deployed effectively to help ensure children's safety. This includes staff breaks and collection of children from other settings for wrap-around care. Management values the views of staff, parents and children and include these in the self-evaluation process. Partnerships with other settings and schools help to support regular information sharing and consistency in children's care and learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff regularly observe children's play and plan activities that reflect their interests and what they need to learn next. Children are happy and enjoy their time at the nursery. Staff have a good understanding of how children learn. Young children enjoy the activities planned for them. For example, they relish painting, where they use all parts of their bodies to explore what it feels like. Staff promote children's language and communication skills well. They introduce new words and model simple vocabulary during daily routines and play activities. This helps to support children's acquisition of speech. Staff effectively enable children to develop their early writing skills. For example, pre-school children enjoy drawing pictures and making marks on paper.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Overall, children behave well. For example, staff help children understand how to take turns, share and be kind and respectful to others. Children learn how to keep themselves safe. For example, staff caring for young children talk about possible hazards and consequences, such as slipping on a wet floor. Children have good opportunities to practise their physical skills. They have frequent walks in the local environment. Children enjoy healthy snacks and well-balanced meals. Their independence is developing well. For example, young children learn how to take their socks off and pre-school children serve their own meals.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop good skills to support them in their future learning and their move on to school. They are confident and motivated learners who concentrate and listen attentively to staff. Young children develop an early interest in literacy. For example, they enjoy looking at books with staff and name the pictures they see. Pre-school children are confident speakers who are eager to share their experiences and ideas. They attend to their own personal care needs well.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY497675
Local authority	Darlington
Inspection number	1097499
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	61
Name of registered person	Rosedene Nurseries Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901400
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01325 381222

Rosedene Darlington Arena Childrens Nursery registered in 2016. The nursery employs eight members of childcare staff. Of these, seven hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year. Sessions are from 7.30am until 6pm. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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